



Walk for ALS

to raise funds and awareness, asks local couple

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Local man's film premieres

Documentary tells story of his father, a Bollywood star

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Kids explore 'mighty trucks'



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Archer, Parker and Owen Henry visited the Mighty Trucks show in the parking lot of the NOTL Public Library Saturday and sat in the Virgil station's 1953 pumper. The brothers had a great time ringing the bell on the old pumper, which was one of several emergency vehicles on display for kids to enjoy.

Local fundraising for new hospital continues

Local goal hasn't been reached, but it will be, says co-chair

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Donna Scott hasn't quit. The co-chair for the Niagara-on-the-Lake arm of the new St. Catharines Hospital fundraising committee is still working at achieving the local target of \$2.5 million, and is confident that the goal is within reach.

Last Thursday a celebration was held to mark the success of the It's Our Time Campaign, which has raised more than \$40.8 million, surpassing its \$40-million goal to help equip the new hospital.

The hospital is scheduled to open, early spring, 2013, but equipment must be purchased and installed by this November to give all staff an opportunity to become familiar with the new setting.

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Local man faces ALS with courage and humour, inspiring friends to help

Diagnosis 'hit me over the head with a two-by-four'

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A little more than a year ago, John Wagget developed a slight limp. He also began to notice his right hand was feeling a little numb, and he was losing a bit of strength in his arms.

He was an active man, loved to play golf and walked weekly with a group of friends—they call themselves The Wanderers, and they've been walking together for more than a decade. He was also beginning to take some ribbing from his friends about his deteriorating golf game.

He put it down to a touch of arthritis, and the natural

effects of aging. He joined the town's new community centre to work out, taking the advice of one of the doctors he saw, who suggested he needed to exercise to build up his strength.

The first neurologist he saw diagnosed a pinched nerve.

But his condition worsened, and he was sent to a second neurologist, this one a specialist in Hamilton.

He was very quickly diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, a progressive and fatal disease characterized by degeneration of motor neurons leading to progressive paralysis of the voluntary muscles.

"It hit me over the head with a two-by-four," he says.

Wagget, then 74, was sent home with a book to read about ALS—everything from onset of the disease to end-of-life issues.

It was, of course, says his wife Norma, devastating.

The book he was given didn't pull any punches.

"I was in denial at first. I had what I had, but I wasn't going to die. I got a real shock when I read that some people don't last three months."

In the year since his diagnosis, he has become reliant on Norma to help him walk. He can still feed himself with difficulty, but isn't sure how much longer that will last.

As more muscles weaken, he loses more of his mobility and independence.

"I'm trying to do as much as I can for as long as I can. But I have no way of knowing the future, such as when someone will have to feed me. Things change gradually and little bits of freedom disappear."

Last September he was still walking, was able to go on holiday with Norma, get himself on and off a bus, but that's no longer possible. He was able to drive until Christmas, but had to give

that up early in the new year.

Now, he sits in a lift-recliner chair that makes it possible for him to stand so that Norma can help him to walk around the house.

He has a great view of the outdoors from his chair. His friends come to visit often, take him out, sit with him when Norma goes out. He tries to have breakfast or lunch once a week with his Wanderer friends, after their golf game or Friday walk. But it is becoming increasingly more difficult.

There is no going back, he says.

"This changes your life forever. There is no cure."

That day in April when he heard he was suffering from ALS he knew nothing about it, but was soon to learn what he was facing: a journey he had ahead of him that would lead to paralysis of his muscles, including those that allow him to swallow, and

eventually those that he needs to breathe.

He knows now that the average ALS patient takes three to five years to reach that stage, but that there are people who have plateaued and lived 10 to 15 years.

He knows the path his disease will take, but has no idea how long it will take to get there. He has a great sense of humour and is able to joke about it—he is applying for the 10-year plan, he says.

Although his wit seems to come easily now, it wasn't always the case—it took some time to accept his fate. He estimates a couple of weeks, but Norma gently reminds him it took that long just to tell their three adult sons. It took much longer for him to come to terms with what lay ahead, she said.

But he is, as much as possible. He is on a journey, and the journey can be this long—he holds his hands

about a foot apart—or it can be that long, he says, spreading his arms wide.

"Everybody is going to die. I look at it as my life expectancy being shortened. It's a little easier to face that way."

Lewis Ford is one of the Wanderers, and has known Wagget for about a dozen years.

"All his friends would agree that John is one of the finest human beings we have ever known," says Ford.

"It breaks our collective hearts to see him this way."

Words, says Ford, are inadequate to describe his friend's courage in the face of such a disease, knowing there is no cure.

Led by Norma, about 30 of John's friends have formed The Wanderers Team to take part in the Niagara Make Moments Matter Walk for ALS.

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Did you know that many pundits are speaking about the strength of the housing market? Paul Golini, Chair of the Building Industry and Land Development Association, says demand is bolstered by the nearly 100,000 newcomers who arrive in the GTA/Golden Horseshoe region every year. At the recent Land and Development Conference, Doug Porter, deputy chief economist and managing director of BMO Capital Markets said, "We do not believe there is a housing bubble in this country." Earlier in the week, at the Canada Economic Summit, Gordon Nixon, CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, said what really needs to cool off (with respect to the housing market) is the rhetoric.

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Walk raises funds for patient support and research, but awareness is key

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They see how John is deteriorating, and they want to do everything they can to help.

She will walk, and John

will participate—he is in the process of getting a scooter, but for now relies on Norma to push him in his wheelchair.

Friends have been very generous with their sponsor-

ship, he says. But as anxious as he is to raise funds, he is even more committed to raising awareness of the disease he has come to know so much about.

He has learned from talking to others that most are as much in the dark about ALS as he was when he was diagnosed and took his book home to read about it.

Only about 3,000 people

in Canada have it—although two to three people die from it daily—so even neurologists can miss the symptoms.

He wants people to know what to look for so they won't just put the symptoms down to aging, as he did.

Symptoms such as muscle weakness and numbness can mimic other diseases, and there is no one test—

other conditions have to be ruled out.

There is medication that might slow the progression of the disease, but Norma stresses that too is uncertain, since everyone progresses differently.

Both Norma and John are grateful for the help they have received from the ALS Society, in providing support and coping skills,

and practical assistance such as the lift-recliner chair.

If anyone wants to support them in their fundraising efforts, the walk is Sunday, May 27, beginning in Chippawa Lions Park.

For more information about the walk or to sponsor the Wanderers team call Norma at 905-468-0363, or email her at nwagget@bell.net.



It wasn't what they expected at this stage in their life, but Norma and John Wagget take life one day at a time as they face John's deteriorating muscle control from ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. They are both grateful for the support of good friends, who help them through it.

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Attitude toward hospital 'turning around'

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Locally, it's been a hard slog

to raise \$2.6 million during difficult economic times, says Scott, especially in a small community

where there are no head offices, no major corporations to hit up for large donations.

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Doug Hemerd, Donna Scott, Mario Ferrara, John Walker, Richard Wall, Jim Garrett and Brenda Jones were part of the NOTL team that attended the celebration of the successful \$40 million it's Our Time campaign for the new St. Catharines Hospital Thursday. The local team is close to its \$2.6 target and is still working at it.

A \$1-million donation from the estate of philanthropist Bluma Appel, a dear friend of Scott's who died in 2007, and a \$200,000 donation from Carol and John Walker contributed to the total. But the team of 12 people on the local it's Our Time campaign had to rely on friends, neighbours and family members, Scott said, and several people she thought would be generous were not on-side.

"Running into rough waters" during the campaign—the C. difficile outbreak was just one of many factors that led to a loss of confidence in the hospital system—provided a good excuse for people who didn't want

to contribute, she said.

But as people tour the facility and see how phenomenal it's going to be, and Niagara Health System supervisor Dr. Kevin Smith inspires confidence that the system will be repaired, the attitude is definitely turning around, says Scott.

So she is clearly not giving up, her confidence in raising the last \$200,000 buoyed by several people who have very recently come onboard and promised to be generous.

"And they will be," she says.

Scott toured the new building herself this week-end with her husband Hugh Farrell, who couldn't get over that absolutely everything is geared to the

well-being of the patients, their family members and staff.

Chief planning and development officer Gloria Kain says she has seen the same reaction from community members and staff as they tour the new facility, even without all the amazing new equipment that has been purchased with fundraising dollars.

That equipment—everything from new electric beds to diagnostic imaging equipment, CT scan, dialysis machine, ultrasound and vital signs monitoring systems for each room are what will set this hospital apart, and why the efforts of the volunteers and fundraisers "have been so incredibly vital" to the successful operation of the hospital, she said.

"We put a state-of-the-art equipment into this facility, completely based on what these volunteers have done."

Even without the new equipment—it will be moved in as construction is finished—"it's inspiring to see the reaction when community members come through, and so satisfying to see staff when they see it for the first time. They're so excited to be bringing their patients here," said Kain.

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Council approves motion to address animal dumping site

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Councillor Martin Mazza says it's a first step in the right direction.

Mazza introduced a motion that was passed by council last week to address the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) policy for dumping dead animals on its property at 571 York Road, not far from where the Queen Elizabeth Way meets Glendale Avenue.

Some wild animals that are struck and killed by motorists on the QEW are discarded there.

The ministry has contracted a third-party business to collect these animals on the road and dispose of them.

Mazza says the interest in the site came about as a result of a lost dog from St. Catharines that was found dumped near the MTO property in late

February.

Before this incident, not many people, including Town officials, knew about the site.

The councillor became concerned about health and safety, and also wanted to know whether the collection and disposal was following proper MTO protocol.

Mazza's resolution calls for the Town to send a letter to Minister of Transportation Bob Chiarelli, drawing his attention to this unacceptable practice.

The motion asks for the MTO to enforce its policies for managing dead animals in a safe and humane way and to ensure that residents in Niagara-on-the-Lake are not exposed to any health and safety risks.

A copy of the resolution has also been sent to the Niagara region and surrounding municipalities.

Mazza has also asked

that the Town investigate neighbouring municipalities, provincial and the MTO guidelines on how to deal with road kill.

He says he hopes NOTL will develop its own policy to put an end to such practices on NOTL soil.

Mazza says he realizes NOTL is "a unique farming community," and there is no "blanket policy" all municipalities can follow.

But he hopes that NOTL will be a leader by developing a policy that other municipalities could potentially look to if they face a similar situation.

The councillor adds that he expects a report from Town staff with recommendations for a policy on the proper disposal of animal remains in NOTL by the fall.

"It can't happen again, not as long as I have a voice," he says.



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our editorial

Feds have let us down again

Word is that in the second round of applications for federal funding to stage War of 1812 bicentennial events, only one in seven was accepted.

The government was overwhelmed with applications, even more so than in the first phase, and couldn't give money to anywhere near all of the requests. But to turn down funding for events that were so important to the War of 1812 outcome is puzzling.

Our MP Rob Nicholson promised during his election campaign that he would ensure funding would find its way to his riding, here in Niagara-on-the-Lake which was so central to the events of 200 years ago. But requests for funding for two signature NOTL events, Niagara on Fire and Niagara under Occupation, have been refused. That's in addition to the earlier disappointing news that some of the opening weekend events in June at Fort George were also denied funding.

The burning of Niagara sounds like a very exciting event in terms of public participation. It is to take place in Market Square in

December, 2013, with a large screen showing a spectacular video telling the story of the burning of the town, what led up to it and its consequences. In addition, a fireworks display is planned to include real flames at ground level, with a two-minute finale of pyrotechnics.

The event will go on, with money raised by the local fundraising team from supportive individuals and businesses. But it may have to be scaled back, depending on the success of fundraising over the next year.

The occupation is in a similar situation. It is to be highlighted over seven months in 2013, with students dressed as period requests for funding for two signature NOTL events, Niagara on Fire and Niagara under Occupation, have been refused. That's in addition to the earlier disappointing news that some of the opening weekend events in June at Fort George were also denied funding.

Again, it will happen, but possibly with fewer soldiers, patrolling for a shorter period of time.

It's a shame the federal government doesn't see the value of these events, but we have faith in the organizers, and look forward to the undoubtedly memorable events they will present.

letters to the editor

Patients' security important

Dear Dr. Smith:

For 15 years I had a store on Queen St. It closed in March of last year. Last summer I took out my guitar and started to sing. With some confidence I went to our local hospital and asked if I could contribute. I am now a volunteer. Twice a week I play and sing for the patients. To put a smile on a sick person's face is the greatest reward I have ever had.

For something that is probably not going to happen very soon, you were very inclusive. To put fear into sick people who look from their bed and wonder what is going to happen to me? I can't leave this. This is now

my home away from home. Why upset them?

I fear you do not know Niagara-on-the-Lake very well. Many of us are older and many have trouble getting around. The location of this hospital is perfect, not just for the patients but also for their visitors and the people who work and volunteer there. By the way I have seen no evidence of a badly run institution. Quite the opposite. Everyone I meet seems happy, organized and dedicated.

The doctors' offices are great. Service is great.

My own family doctor practices there.

Location, location, location. I invite you to come and visit. Perhaps hear me entertain and see the happy faces. Although sick they are very thankful to be where they are.

Sometimes people are

more important than money. A reassurance from you that their future is secure, would be very welcome.

I played for the patients there Monday. They loved this song I wrote over the weekend. Thought you might like to read it. Sort of the tune of My Old Kentucky Home:

I heard a real bad rumour just the other day
That they were going to close me down

And move me far away
Well my friends don't you shed a tear

We'll never come to pass
They will have to move Ontario

To kick me in the a - -
Weep no more my family

Let's hear a big hooray
Let's sing one song for our home away from home

They will never - ever move us away."

Berry Bryant

Defenders of the Town



PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Lyle Williams and Tony Chisholm of the NOTL War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebrations give Phil Leboudec, owner of the Virgil Valu-Mart, his Defender of the Town plaque for supporting bicentennial events. Leboudec says he believes strongly in commemorating historical events that took place 200 years ago, including the occupation of Niagara and the burning of the town. He is hoping other Virgil businesses will also donate to the NOTL War of 1812 Bicentennial events as their way of helping to ensure that the Signature Events will be held.

Thanks, NOTL Lions, for food drive

And thanks
Curves members
who donated
500 pounds of
food



Brenda Shah
Newark Neighbours

Newark Neighbours would like to thank this time to give a huge thank you to Penner Building Centre of Virgil for donating the gravel and the machinery to fix our driveway.

The volunteers appreciate your kindness and generosity and we sure enjoy having a nice parking area.

The Niagara-On-The-Lake Lions Club held a food drive for Newark Neighbours at this Phil's Valu-Mart in Virgil and Hendricks Valu-Mart on Queen Street recently. We would like to thank the Lions Club for the gift

certificates and all the food they collected, and we would like to thank the residents for your participation.

Curves also held a food drive and their members collected 500 pounds of food. We would like to thank you so much for the support you give to Newark Neighbours.

Thank you to The

Warehouse Of Hope which kindly donated 13 boxes of hand-knitted afghans, scarves, socks and toques.

And thank you to Jada Met and Lia Tepp who celebrated their birthdays on Saturday, April 28. They asked their guests to bring a donation of food or toiletries and with their mom Erica delivered the donations to Newark Neighbours on Sunday.

Once again we are asking for towel, sheets, work boots, hoodies and if possible bikes. Seems like this time of year we can't keep these items on our shelves, and the off shore workers are always looking for bikes to get around on.

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Are you the special ingredient the church is missing?

➤ Church is a little like the finished product in baking



Barb McGale
St. Andrew's
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Consider This

I have been known from time to time to do a bit of baking.

I find it fascinating how so many ingredients that are nothing special on their own come together to make something extraordinary.

Most people I know don't sit down to a bowl of flour for breakfast or find a spoonful of baking powder to be the perfect end to a fine meal. Cocoa might be part of the recipe but without a little sugar, it's pretty

hard to take.

I find the church very much like the finished product in baking, although as individuals we are far from complete.

On our own, we might

not be anything special. But when the Lord brings us together in just the right way, the result can be incredible.

On our own, we struggle to follow God and be faithful to Him. We have a hard time making a difference in the world around us.

But then the Holy Spirit takes just the right amount of each ingredient, puts us together in His special way, and we are able to accomplish incredible things.

We spur one another on to good works. We comfort and support one another.

We laugh and cry together. We worship the God who created and redeemed us. We celebrate the wonder of our calling to follow Him. We couldn't do those things alone.

Some of us are sweet and others a little tart. Maybe you've met a few Christians who are down-right sour. But with the right people beside us and behind us, the blending becomes a joy to experience.

Are you one of those ingredients we haven't been missing? Are you the special part of the recipe that holds the Church back from being everything God intends and making an impact on our world? Are you the salt or the sugar or that dollop of butter that will make the difference between okay and fantastic?

I look forward to seeing what the Lord is baking in Niagara-on-the-Lake today.

Get ready for the stampede



Motorcycle stuntmen are just part of the entertainment in store for those who attend this year's Virgil Stampede, running three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday this Victoria Day weekend. For a full list of events please see page 15.

Thanks to friends and volunteers who helped with garden clean-up

➤ It seemed fairy magic was at work in Jean Cochrane's gardens last week



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

When I was growing up (a long time ago) part of our Christmas tradition was to go by train to Glasgow to attend a Pantomime.

It is very difficult to explain a pantomime as it did not include 'mime', the "Principal Boy" was played by a young lady who could act, sing and had great long legs - memories of child-

hood, but what I am getting to is there was always a 'good fairy' in the pantomime and I felt last week as though that fairy had waved her magic wand at me.

First David Levitt and

Tony Stockloser arrived and cut the grass and cleared off the winter debris in my yard for me. That made me feel so much better.

Then the president of the Horticulture Society, Shirley Madsen, asked for volunteers who would like to come for an hour on Tuesday with a rain date of Wednesday - some people showed up both days.

And boy did they work, so a very big thank you to MayBeth and Ken Ross, Eta Mills, Cynthia Rand, Janet and David Lummins, Ken Sanschies, Alice LaRoque, Melissa Achal and I hope I have not left anyone out because you

were all wonderful.

On a very difficult subject but one that may help you all, especially if you have young children or elderly people around and there happens to be a power outage, I heard this tip on a radio show regarding safe lighting during a power outage.

All the garden shops have the new solar powered lights in stock. Keep a set out in a sunny spot close to your front or back door, and in an emergency you can bring them in prop them in bottles or jugs and place them in strategic places like stairs etc.

Remember to put them back out in the sun to

recharge - hope it helps.

Did you make it to the Plant Sale?

The variety was terrific and I went with good intentions - I did not need any more plants until I got my planters ready - well there were certain ones I just had to take home, especially one that looked in a bad way.

I bore a label that said "I will recover", it cost \$1 so I 'splurged' and I will await results of TLC.

Now the next program for the Hort Society certainly different.

Frank Kershaw will talk on recycled gardening and promises you will look at things differently after his

talk.

He's an award-winning horticulturalist, and will give an informative presentation that will highlight ways that throwaway objects can be given new life in the garden as both functional and decorative pieces.

You will certainly think twice about what is being put out to the garbage or what you might purchase at a yard sale.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 22 at the new Community Centre. The coffee and tea are for 6:30 pm. and the meeting starts at 7pm. So do come and join us. Happy Gardening.

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Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Lord Mayor Dave Icke is planning a kick-off of local bicentennial celebrations with an educational and entertaining evening for the community.

The event will begin with a special screening of The War of 1812, which was prepared for public broadcasting station WNEZ and was first broadcast last October.

In the description of the video, the war was explained as a struggle that threatened

the existence of Canada, then divided the United States so deeply that the nation almost broke apart. Some of its battles, yet its blunders and cowardies were just as prominent. The film shows how the glories of war became

enshrined in history - how failures are quickly forgotten - how inconvenient truths are ignored forever."

Eike says he watched the movie, and was impressed - it's an informative look at the war, with great photography and presentation.

"I felt it really gave some perspective to the war and the extent of it," he said, referring both to the fact that the battles continued for almost

three years and covered a large geographical area than many people realized, yet in the end, "sustained the borders we now celebrate."

While it's an American production, it appears to be a fair representation of both sides, he says. "I felt it let's you draw your own conclusions as to the outcome."

The evening is intended to be an opportunity for the community to come together

in fellowship, he said, ahead of the official opening weekend in June, and to help locals understand the full significance of the war and its outcome.

"You can sit on a glass of wine, enjoy stories with your neighbours, and listen to the music of the Fort George Rifle and Drum Corps. It's a great way to learn 1812 history while enjoying an evening out," says Eike.

There will be two intermissions of historical entertainment.

"We wanted to give guests a few breaks during the movie to enjoy some of our other offerings," said Tony Chisholm, fundraising chair for the NOTL 1812 Committee.

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COMMUNITY VISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

What does YOUR **Niagara-On-The-Lake** look like?

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council is looking for interested residents to serve on a special advisory committee charged with developing a future vision for our community.

The Community Vision Advisory Committee will be responsible for holding public consultations throughout the summer of 2012 and then developing strategic directions and goals in a range of areas, including environment, economy, sustainable growth, transportation, recreation, parks, safety and social well-being.

We require two residents to join the Community Advisory Committee team members to attend a maximum of three meetings during the summer consultation process. Committee members will also be required to draft the Vision document and play an important role in the Town's future.

If you are interested in serving on this Committee please send us a short letter or email telling us about yourself and why you would like to participate.

Submission Deadline is 4:30 p.m., Monday, May 28, 2012

Letters of interest should be sent to:

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk at
Town Administrative Offices
1503 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario, L0S 1T0
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NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Paxton Lane - Draft Plan of Condominium and Zoning Change

PROPOSED CHANGE

To permit a 44 unit Vacant Land Condominium with a park.
HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on any proposed zoning change is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public information meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Date: June 11, 2012
 Time: 6:30 PM
 Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
 Administrative Offices
 Council Chambers
 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario



WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter to Town Clerk Holly Dowd, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario, L0S 1T0.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact Leah Wallace, Planner, Heritage & Urban Design at 905-468-3266, extension 245 or lwallace@notl.org. A copy of this notice can be found on the Towns website at www.notl.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

Section 34 & 50 of the Planning Act

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake before this matter is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Council to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submission to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake before this matter is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there is reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town Council in respect to this matter you must make a written request to the Town Clerk.

Posted at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 17th day of May 2012.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SHAPE OUR FUTURE

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake wants to know what residents think of their community. Please take a moment to complete our survey, available on-line through www.notl.org or in hard copy at the following locations:

Town Administrative Office

1593 Four Mile Creek Road
 Niagara-on-the-Lake Library

10 Anderson Lane

Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre

14 Anderson Lane

Survey responses are completely confidential and anonymous and must be completed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2012.

Information from this survey will be used to develop a refreshed corporate image for the Town.



PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. (1990) NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake passed By-law No. 43167-12 on the 7th day of May 2012 under Section 34 of the Ontario Planning Act, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake not later than the 6th day of June 2012 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and reasons in support of the objection along with the required fee.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF BY-LAW NO. 43167-12

By-law Amendment No. 43167-12 will reinstate conventional zone standards for building height, front yard setback and exterior side yard setback for the Established Residential (ER) Zone and the Established Residential (ER2) Zone in the Old Town (except for Oock Area Established Residential (ER2) Zone).

By-law Amendment No. 43167-12 also addresses some minor technical revisions associated with typographical and grammatical errors, numbering sequencing and omissions. These amendments are administrative changes, minor in nature and will not change the purpose and intent of the Zoning By-law.

A copy of By-law No. 43167-12 is available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Municipal Offices, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submission at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

DATED at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, this 17th day of May 2012
 Holly Dowd, Town Clerk
 Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario L0S 1T0
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PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF BY-LAW NO. 43167-12

By-law Amendment No. 43167-12 establishes a new zone category (the Established Residential (ER3) Zone) for the Oock Area. The Established Residential (ER3) Zone provides for a maximum building height of 8.5 metres (27.89 feet).

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Upcoming performance at St. Mark's to feature the Gould String Quartet

Lord Nelson Mass by Joseph Haydn will be performed this Sunday at St. Mark's Anglican Church.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Joyous voices will fill St. Mark's and delight listeners during Sunday's performance of Joseph Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass.

The performance is part of St. Mark's concert series, kicking off the 1812 bicentennial celebrations.

Music Director Michael Tansley, says the performance is meant to celebrate Admiral Lord Nelson.

The music director says he also chose the music because of it's ties to the surrounding area.

There are only two remaining war ships from the War of 1812, says Tansley.

These two ships are the Hamilton and the Scourge, which rest at the bottom of Lake Ontario near Port Dalhousie.

The Scourge was originally named after Lord Nelson, and it was a British merchant schooner built in Niagara and launched on May 1, 1811.

Tansley says he is very excited about the upcoming performance because it will be a rare occasion where the St. Mark's choir will perform with an orchestra, adding another layer to the "overall flavour" of the music.

He describes the performance as "a joyful one," that is "very melodic."

What's very interesting about this piece of music is that in some passages, "the trumpets and tympani give it the feeling of a war march."

It will be performed by the St. Mark's choir and local soloists Maria Shantz, Rose Spraggan, Daniel McColgan and Jonathon

Dick.

The performance will also be accompanied by an orchestra of eight strings, trumpet, and tympani, joined by Lynne Honsberger

playing the organ.

The Gould String Quartet, which is a part of Music Niagara, will also perform, led by Atis Bankas.

The performance at St.

Mark's is on Sunday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased by calling 905-468-3123 or at the church.



SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

Michael Tansley, music director, prepares some of the music that will be featured in the Lord Nelson Mass at St. Mark's by Joseph Haydn, with singers Vicki Lowenberger, Mel Barlow and Paul Waite. The performance at the church also features the Orchestra of St. Mark's and the Gould String Quartet, led by Atis Bankas.

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Proud son captures his father's legacy in Bollywood film making

▶ **Niagara-on-the-Lake resident researched and produced a documentary about his father's work in film.**

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

women who rushed to Bombay seeking the spotlight during the early years of Bollywood in the 1930s.

At the time, Aghajani was only in his early 20s, when he was spotted at a soccer game.

A person in the industry met with him. Over a cup of juice, he was told he was handsome and he was asked to star in a hero movie.

Aghajani was given 300 rupees to star in a Bollywood film, and that's how his story began, says the actor's son Zuhair Kashmeri of Niagara-on-

the-Lake. "My father ran away to join the movies and back then it was like running away to the circus."

The actor told his family he had a respectable position as a manager, because at that time in India, Bollywood and the movie business was "an industry of ill repute," says Kashmeri.

When Aghajani's brother-in-law found out Aghajani was doing, "he threatened to burn down the movie theatre."

Aghajani started off acting and quickly switched

to script-writing.

He would eventually write about 50 movies that became classics in Bollywood.

During much of that time, Kashmeri says he grew up on sets, meeting other actors and writers.

Kashmeri has captured his father's legacy in *The Golden Pen*—a one-hour documentary about his father's life.

Kashmeri is also translating his father's autobiography into English.

The documentary, he says, is the fulfilment of a promise he made to his

dad before he passed away—to tell his story.

Kashmeri's father was from the north Indian city of Lucknow.

It's a city Kashmeri describes as a place filled with poetry, literature and romance.

Growing up in Lucknow, he says his father attended neighbourhood poetry readings.

Although Aghajani never completed high school, Kashmeri says his dad was surrounded by many great poets and writers that inspired him and helped to teach him his

craft.

Kashmeri says many people may not realize Bollywood films like the ones his father wrote "are more than just song and dance, and they're different than the Hollywood rip-off stories seen today."

During his father's career, which spanned more than 30 years, Kashmeri says his father wrote movies about romance, about heroism and adventure, but they all had something to say to the audience.

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SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

Zuhair Kashmeri of NOTL wrote and produced a documentary about his father's days in Bollywood film-making. The documentary will air this Sunday on OMNI 2 at 9 p.m.

Documentary will air this Sunday on TV

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One example is a movie Aghajani wrote in the 1960s about a Muslim woman who was a courtesan and a Hindi man, a leader of a gang, falling in love and marrying.

"It was unheard of at the time," says Kashmeri. Despite producers telling Aghajani the film would be a flop, Kashmeri says his father made it anyway and the film ran for 50 weeks in the theatre.

Kashmeri moved to Canada in the mid 1970s and his parents followed

when Aghajani retired from script-writing in the early 1990s.

Although he knew much of his father's past, the proud son says he began researching his father's life in 2009 and filming in Toronto, and in Lucknow and Bombay, now known as Mumbai, in India.

Through his documentary, Kashmeri says he hopes to offer people a rare insight into the early days of Bollywood, when the industry was taking its first steps, slowly catching the imagination of its viewers.

The Golden Pen was selected to premiere at the 12th Annual ReelWorld Film Festival in Toronto on April 13.

Kashmeri's documentary also won runner-up in the Asians on Film Festival in California and has been picked to premiere in New York City by the well-known think-tank, the Foreign Policy Association, on June 6.

The documentary will air on OMNI 2 Sunday, May 20 at 9 p.m. For more information about The Golden Pen, visit www.thegoldenpen.ca.

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RiverBrink Museum opens Victoria Day weekend with 1812 bicentennial exhibition

Museum offers free admission from May 19-21 to celebrate the beginning of the season.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Looking for something to do this Victoria Day weekend?

The RiverBrink Art Museum is celebrating the

holiday weekend by offering free admission to its new exhibits.

The museum is opening its 29th season and is inviting the public to view its War of 1812 exhibition, says Debra Antonic, curator of RiverBrink's War of 1812.

The special exhibit features art, artifacts and private loans from both public and private collections.

A special treat for those who visit the museum is the opportunity to view the only known portrait of General Isaac Brock, which is on loan until

October from a British museum.

The portrait is back in Canada for the first time in 200 years, Antonic says.

Also featured in the exhibit is the museum's own Battle of Queenston Heights, attributed to Major James Dennis, a participant in the Battle of Queenston Heights.

The museum is also offering four other exhibits from its permanent collection that will make their debut this weekend.

These exhibits include portraits from both named and anonymous artists, self-portraits from artists such as Augustus John and Paul Kane, works produced by members of the Canadian Art Club and

pieces representing the death of General James Wolfe.

Antonic says she hopes the 1812 exhibit, along with the pieces, will be received.

She also hopes people realize the link between all of the exhibits, which is a social look at people and places before and after the War of 1812.

The RiverBrink Museum is open May 19 until Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is free from May 19 to 21. Otherwise it's \$5 for adults, seniors and students are \$4. Children 12 and under are free.

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Ten students from St. Michael will be first recipients of a scholarship

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Connor Hawkswell, Rachel Fisher and Marcin Williams are intelligent and hard working students.

They are also three of ten students from St. Michael Catholic School who have

been chosen to benefit from an endowment fund to help them when they graduate from high school to go on to post secondary education.

All three students say it is a honour to be chosen because they were selected based on a number of criteria.

In four years, the current

group of Grade 8 students will be the first recipients of the scholarships.

These scholarships will help Williams, who says he wants to study neuroscience at the University of Columbia, Fisher, who says she dreams one day of becoming a lawyer, and Hawkswell, who

wants to become a structural engineer.

In order to be eligible, students need at least an 80 average, says principal Brian Palujanska, and all of the students selected this year have an average of 90 or higher.

Their grades will be tracked throughout high school and they

must maintain an 80 average to receive the funding.

"We want to encourage the students' academic excellence and provide them with some financial stability."

Dennis Donnelly, parents of current and past students of St. Michael, helped organize a golf tournament held Saturday at the Legends at

the Niagara Battlefield Course.

It was the first of what will become an annual event to support the endowment fund.

He says the ultimate goal is to raise \$100,000 by 2015.

If the funds are raised, two scholarships worth \$4,000, two scholarships worth \$3,000, two scholarships worth \$2,000 and four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the 10 students based on their averages.

The golf tournament raised just over \$20,000 and Donnelly says that couldn't have happened without the support of many sponsors and individuals in the community.

The parent hopes St. Michael can become a centre of education excellence, and he believes providing students with financial help will offer them an opportunity to come back to the community to share their newly developed skills and education.

Donnelly adds that students in Grade 6 and their parents will be surveyed about the scholarship program so they will have a chance at receiving the scholarship and work hard to excel at school.

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After more than 40 years of flipping pancakes, Rotary breakfast continues popular event

Bert Davesne has flipped thousands of pancakes in more than 40 years of helping at his service club's

annual event, and he isn't done yet.

Davesne put together the first Lewiston-Niagara-on-

the-Lake Rotary Club pancake breakfast, and is organizing the 42nd annual event that occurs each year on the

Sunday of the May holiday weekend.

And each year, he can be found in the kitchen of the Royal Canadian Legion Hall flipping pancakes, helping to satisfy the hungriest appetites for the all-you-can-eat breakfast.

Members of the club from both sides of the border

serve about 1,000 pancakes to raise money to sponsor international and community causes.

The club, one of the few bi-national Rotary Clubs, was chartered in 1938. As part of Rotary International it supports the Rotary Foundation and its goals, including the eradication of

polio.

The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or tea for \$7 an adult, and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Breakfast will be served at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on King Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 22.



EMILY COOPER Shaw Festival

The NOTL/Lewiston Rotary Club will sponsor the May 25 performance of Ragtime at the Shaw Festival Theatre, with tickets including a pre-show garden party. Showed here is some of the cast of Ragtime.

Rotary sponsors Ragtime garden party

Ragtime, the powerful musical chosen as one of the highlights of the Shaw Festival's 51st season, opens next week, but before its official opening the Niagara-on-the-Lake/Lewiston Rotary Club is offering an opportunity to see a preview and help raise money for a good cause.

The play is about an era of innovation and unrest during turn-of-the-century America, set to the rhythms of ragtime.

It follows three very different families and through them provides insight into life in suburban New Rochelle, Harlem and New York City's Lower East Side.

It's a musical that moves from tragedy to joy, described as "a tale of love lost and won, lives lost and saved, and a country struggling to define itself."

The evening organized by the Rotary Club, the 30th annual Garden

Party and Theatre event, offers light refreshments, food and live music beginning at 6:45 p.m. Friday, May 25, with show time at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$80 per person, with all net proceeds for the fundraising event used to support Rotary-sponsored humanitarian projects.

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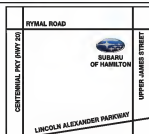
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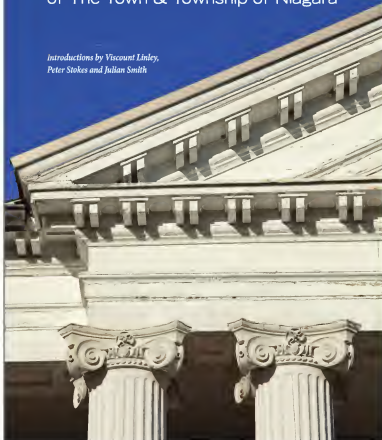


Beth Ann Labelle admires vendor Lauren O'Malley Norris's organic plants at the pop-up market at the NOTL Public Library Saturday, a preview of the farmers market which opens this Saturday on Niagara Stone Road at Niven Road.

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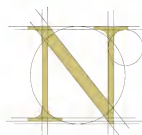
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St. Mike students take home second place in DSBN math competition

Students also earn prizes at Regional Heritage Fair

May has been another highly successful month for all our St. Mike's students.

Our math teams again competed against the DSBN public schools in the Golden Seal Math Competition. Both our teams placed well, with St. Mike's team one taking second place.

Congrats to Shaun Donnelly, Tommy Liang, Megan McConnell, and Anthony Motola for their efforts and placing. And special mention to team 2: Marcin Williams, Andrew Wilf, Katherine L, Grace D'Agostino and Ben Bert. Next up, our Grade 8 math team of Haleigh



St. Michael Catholic School in the Classroom

Cumiskey, Andrew Wilf, Anthony Motola, and Marcin Williams will compete in the first NCDSE Mathletes competition, May 23.

At the Regional Heritage Fair all three of our students brought home prizes. Congratulations to Emily Warren for her award for research resources, Gabriel Murray for visual display, and

Andrew Wilf for his overall win.

Our Grade 2 class had their first reconciliation and continue to prepare for their upcoming E.O.A. testing at the end of May. First communion is a very important time for Catholic students.

Both Grade 2 teachers have been teaching our students about the sacrament. Also in Grade 2 news, the students learned proper bicycle safety and hand washing importance from our school nurse.

Coming up soon is the fun shapes and colours junior Kindergarten art. The Grade 1s will be putting on their French plays, and the Grade 8s will be trained in CPR.

Our Grade 7/8 class has been at Cyberquest learning how to edit movies and how to construct woodworking

marvels. Soon our Grade 7 class will be off to Fort George for the day.

Our Grade 3 and 6 classes continue to prepare for the upcoming E.O.A. testing at the end of May. The students know how high achieving the prior years' classes were and are determined to keep up the trend.

Last week was a busy one as we celebrated "Walking in the Light of Christ" Catholic Education Week. We started the week with Grade 8 student Megan McConnell being honoured with the "Catch the Spirit" Award.

She was presented her plaque and certificate at Saint Paul Sunday evening, for her involvement in her rhythm, high academic standing, and contribution to our Catholic community. Well done, Megan.

Of course, we again par-

ticipated in the Hoops for Hearts fundraiser.

This fundraiser is run by our Grade 3 classes. All classes of students got active in our gym, showing off their rhythm and moves as they kept active to Just Dance on our big screen. And wow can our students dance.

Next, on Thursday morning, our school rotated through various faith-based activities, on Faith Day. Students listened to stories and discussed virtues, play Jesus leopards, exercised, and created banners promoting the talents that God has blessed us with—an enriching experience for all.

Friday afternoon, our school put on its annual talent show to our gym packed with parents, grandparents, students, and former teachers. Our format this year included live acts from school talents, allowing for more variety and a larger showcase of our amazing students.

Jonathan Davies and

Matthew Moore started off the show with their fire and drum introduction (fitting considering the upcoming 1812 festivities) and from there we were in awe of speed and trail cycling, singing, piano playing, violin duos, guitar solos, taekwon demonstrations, tap and hip hop dancing, as well as Irish dancing. Even our teachers got into the action by dancing too. St. Mike's definitely has plenty of talent.

Friday evening we were showcasing some of our top Science Fair and Heritage Fair projects at the NCDSE Mall display in the Fairway Mall. Thanks to the students and their parents who came and spent the evening promoting learning.

On Saturday, the First Annual St. Michael Student Scholarship Golf Fundraiser took place. More than 50 golfers took to the links and had a fun day of golfing.

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Students off to Ottawa, Blue Jays game

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Everyone was introduced to the top 10 students who now have the opportunity to receive scholarships from St. Michael's, when they completed their high school education.

We wish all our grads the best of luck and look forward to awarding them their scholarships in four years.

The scholarship will continue on for years to come, with each group of Grade 8 grads being ranked and tracked. Congratulations to our first top 10 group.

And if that sounds like an active school, just wait to you hear what's coming up.

Our Grade 7s and 8s go off to our nation's capital Ottawa trip, Grade 6s head to the Blue Jays School Drama game, and our school will be putting on its Night of Drama and Dance mid-

June.

Students are already learning the dances and running lines for this spectacular show.

Students are ready for their Kiwanis Choral speaking competitions and our Grade 8s continue to prepare for Confirmation.

Lastly, our Eco-team continues to promote litter reduced lunches with most of the waste going into our recycle and green bins.

We always have light-out lunches, and we continue to promote our environment and importance of conservation through class

lessons.

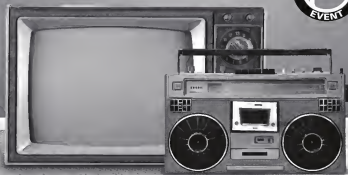
The team also arranged a weekly clean crew schedule where various classes go outside and make sure our yard is clean and beautiful.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day and we wish you lots of fun this weekend as the Virgil Stampede is open for three days, Sunday too this year. Get out and support our town, have thrills on the rides, win a prize at the nickel sale, and enjoy the shows.



Students Marcin Williams, Haleigh Cumiskey, Anthony Mottola, Rachel Fisher, David D'Agostino, Megan McConnell, Andrew Wiley, Connor Hawkswell, Corrina Juras, and Matthew Caston, who is missing from the photo, will receive a scholarship from St. Michael when they graduate from high school in four years to aid them in their post secondary studies. In order to receive this funding, they must maintain an 80 average or higher.

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Students go easy on the environment

Eco Club checking the lights, computers during lunch

Jasleen Gill and Julia Jugolon
St. Davids School

The St. Davids junior boys basketball team recently won the DSBN Tier 2 championships.

They stood undefeated and had won all five games for Area 4. They then won the championship.

The junior girls basketball team also played really well during the last game which was a really tough one. Unfortunately, they lost and were not able to move on.

Recently, in badminton 20 students in Grades 7 and



**St. Davids School
in the Classroom**

8 competed at both the annual Crossroads tournament and Brock University. The team showed great improvement in their skills and strategies in Badminton. Maddy Lepp, Ben Glauser, Brynna Wilson, Allison Belvin, Jake Andrews, Cody Wall, Josh Davis, Bridget Dill-O'Leary, Lucas Middleton Mazzone, Maddy Kitchen, and Jessica Weiss

all came in second in their pool.

We are very proud of the St. Davids Me 2 We club which sold Rafiki bracelets and raised around \$1200. That money has gone to children in Africa. Each bracelet sold feeds one child for a whole month.

The St. Davids Eco Club has been doing things to remind us how we can help the environment and school. We have Litterless and Boomerang lunches. Every Tuesday you don't bring any garbage to school and every Thursday you take the garbage back home to understand how much garbage we use.

Then we are also doing something called Checking the Lights where a group of students go around during break and check all the lights and monitors in classrooms and see how many classes actually do turn off any electricity that isn't being used. Lastly the Eco Club has



Balance Fitness Studio instructors have been teaching yoga to St. Davids students.

done a waste audit so again students go around classrooms to check if the garbage is being placed in the right spots. We're putting in clear garbage bags to show kids what they have done wrong and so they can actually see where the garbage is to be placed.

Graduation is coming up on June 26 and the Grade 8 students are striving to do

their best and to maintain their marks. Many awards will be given out on that night. They are also excited about the post-graduation celebration which is still being planned. Thanks to our parents who have held dances to fund the graduation party.

We have also been doing excellent exercise programs during our fitness breaks at St. Davids. There were three programs that the students could choose to participate in. Balance Fitness from Virgil came to the school for four weeks and led us in

zumba, karate and yoga classes.

On Tuesday, June 19 we will be having our annual school barbecue and all of our students' art masterpieces. It will also be a special occasion because we are inviting the St. Davids Lions to thank them for their donations towards our school SmartBoards.

St. Davids will be participating in the community yard sale on June 16. You could rent a table from us and use the school property as your sales place. Call 905-262-4533 for details.

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Lifestyle changes can reduce risk of at least 65 per cent of cancers



The Doctor Game
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Here's the bad news: Nearly half of today's North American men and one-third of women will develop cancer, making it the second leading cause of death after heart disease.

To some people, fate deals a bad hand when they inherit genes that increase the risk of cancer.

But here's the good news: Dr. John Swartzberg and Jeffery Wolf at the University of California say that lifestyle changes can help people reduce the risk of at least 65 per cent of cancers.

One - Use Alcohol Moderately

Cancers of the esophagus (stomach tube), mouth, throat and larynx are linked to alcohol. The more you drink the great-

er the risk.

For women who know they have a higher risk of breast cancer or have had breast cancer, the advice is to forego the alcoholic drink or do so occasionally. Moderate drinking means one or two drinks a day for men and one for women.

Two - Test the Water for Arsenic

This should not be necessary for city dwellers. But if you're on a farm and use well water, high levels of arsenic have been associated with cancers of the bladder, colon, kidneys, liver, lung and skin.

Arsenic is tasteless, odourless and is found in

soil, rocks, water and air. Water filters that are placed on the faucet do not remove arsenic. The only solution is bottled water.

Three - Decrease Workplace Exposure to Carcinogens

Barenders and waiters who work in venues that still allow smoking should look for a smoke-free environment to decrease the risk of lung cancer. Funeral directors and those who work in nail salons can become exposed to formaldehyde increasing the risk of nasal cancer.

Others who work in chemical or printing plants may be associated with benzene, a chemical that is linked to leukemia and Hodgkins lymphoma.

Four - Decrease Sun Exposure

Ultraviolet light from sun tanning beds is estimated to cause two million cases of skin cancer every year. Remember this summer that no sunscreen blocks all radia-

tion.

Five - Get Moving
Prostate, lung and cancer of the uterus are associated with inactivity. Exercise enhances the immune system and decreases cancer risk by lowering cellular growth.

Six - Shed Pounds
Studies suggest that being obese accounts for 14 per cent of cancer deaths in men and 20 per cent in women. These deaths occur from cancers of the large bowel, esophagus, liver, uterine cancer and leukemia.

Why this happens is not totally understood, but there's evidence it may be associated with the production of hormones. Obesity is also linked to chronic inflammation which may trigger cancer growth.

Seven - Decrease High-Heat Cooking

Heating food over coals or flames creates chemical carcinogens called heterocyclic

amines and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons which are believed to increase cancer risk.

Most people associate this risk with grill cooking. But it's also true for pan-frying foods on the stove. These chemicals are associated with an increased risk of pancreatic, prostate and colon malignancy.

You can lower risk by using the microwave to pre-cook food for a few minutes before putting meat or chicken on the grill and then turn food often to prevent charring.

Eight - Limit Radiation Exposure

It seems unbelievable, but every year 10 per cent of Americans get a CT scan. Equally frightening, the number getting this procedure increases every year.

These scans now account for half of our radiation exposure. One CT scan is the same as 500 x-rays of the lungs. So always ask your doctors if

the same result could be achieved by either an ultrasound or MRI test.

Nine - Don't Smoke
I tell patients to see a psychiatrist if they still smoke cigarettes, pipes, smokeless tobacco or cigars.

Smoking is the leading cause of premature preventable deaths in this country.

Remember it is never too late to quit and stop needless lung and other cancer deaths.

Ten - Eat a Nutritious Diet

What is an anti-cancer diet? Authorities state repeatedly it's prudent to limit the amount of red meat, pork and particularly processed meats, and to increase the amount of whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

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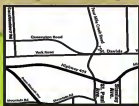
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Bouquet for a mother
May is a special time of the year because it has one special day dedicated to mothers everywhere. I have a wonderful mother who has watched all of her children grow into talented, educated and successful individuals. Without my mom, my brothers and I would not be who we are today. She has guided us to the people who we have become and I hope that we are everything she could ever hope for in her children. I would like to send a bouquet to my mother, who has made countless sacrifices to see that we are well-taken care of.

Bouquet for a kind citizen

A bouquet for the person who paid for my coffee the other day. I went through a drive thru the other day to purchase my usual morning coffee to start the day. When I got to the window to pay for it, the person in line a

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Bouquet for a selfless boy
A bouquet for the boy who decided he wanted his friends and family to donate pet food to needy animals instead of receiving birthday presents. That was a very kind deed and I hope everyone can learn a little something from this boy. It's always better to give than it is to receive and a small act of kindness really does go a long way to help other people.

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Thunderhawk field lacrosse teams represent NOTL in tourney play

Lacrosse teams will compete in provincial championship this weekend

In lacrosse action, the Thunderhawk field lacrosse teams represented Niagara-on-the-Lake in tournament play over the past two weekend.

The tykes won their first game against Brampton 7-5.

Lukas Paugh and Ethan Williams scored three goals each, while Jack Parker contributed a single.

In their next game, the tykes found themselves in double overtime, losing a close one to Burlington 8-7.

Williams and Paugh led the scoring while Christian Blaylock added a goal.

The novice Thunderhawks gave a stellar performance defeating Guelph 8-5 and Oakville 8-3.

Duncan Belliveau and Matteo Giampa pocketed two goals while Owen Hendsbee, Carter Geoffroy, Macgregor Armstrong and Williams each netted one against Guelph.

Dominating Oakville, Belliveau tore up the field with five goals, assisted by Geoffroy.

Hendsbee, Williams and Riediger scored singles.

In peewee action, the Thunderhawks lost 5-3 to Centre Wellington.

Mason Boldt led the scoring with two goals and one assist, while Connor Watson added a single goal.

The peewees won their first game of the season against Oakville 6-1.

Watson netted three goals and contributed an assist.

Trent Hunter, Noah Fortuna and Joe Fragnito scored one goal each.

Matt Vandelar, Alexandre Brillion and Michael Sanders assisted.

The peewees also added a second win to their record against St. Catharines.

Down 3-0 after the first quarter, the Thunderhawks turned on the heat, with Joe Fragnito and Mason Boldt scoring two goals.

Assists came from Noah Fortuna, Jared Mines and Michael Sanders.

In midget action, the Thunderhawks Midgets posted two tough-fought victories against strong B division teams.

In their first match, the midget Thunderhawks defeated the Six Nations 11-10.

With Keelan Bulsstanding tall in net and making a number of key saves, Zac Luis fired in three goals, followed by Logan Holley, Austin Wright and Johnny Wagner scoring two goals each.

Kasey Reynolds and Derek Merza each scored singles.

Earning assists were Merza, Wagner, Luis and Conner Overstrom.

In their second game, the Thunderhawks took the 11-10 win in their second of the game.

Wright led the scoring with five goals. Overstrom Logan Holley each scored two goals, and Merza and Wagner scored singles.

This weekend, the midgets participated in their qualifier rounds.

Despite a short bench, they ended the weekend with a record of two wins, two losses, and one tie.

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Deaths

FORBES, James Edward - Suddenly on Sunday, May 13, 2012 at the St. Catharines General Hospital, James Forbes passed away in his 59th year. Loving father to Stephanie Marie and Marc Edward and remembered by their mother Claire. Predeceased by his parents Jack and Joan Forbes. Dear brother to Rick (Ellen), Bob (Elly), Bruce (Kim), Brian (Corinne), Barbara (Darrell) Smart and the late Jerry (1970). Jim will be sadly missed by his nieces and nephews: Tracy, Adam, Jennifer, Jill, Ian, Gary, Arpy, Darren, Melanie, Kathleen, Haley and Larissa. Jim was an entrepreneur in many business successes including being the owner, operator and founder of Desks Plus. The family will receive friends at **HULSE & ENGLISH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**, 75 Church Street (905-684-8346), on Wednesday, May 16 from 7 - 9 pm and on Thursday, May 17 from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 pm. Funeral Service to take place on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 11:00 am from the Niagara United Mennonite Church, 1776 Niagara Street Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, followed by cremation. Donation to the St. Catharines General Hospital, New Site. The Jim Forbes Room would be appreciated by the family.



A donation has been made to the Hulse and English Memorial Forest towards the greening of St. Catharines.

Deaths



Van LEEUWEN, Andrew Peler - Peacefully, surrounded by his family, on May 13, 2012 at Chateau Gardens in his 77th year. Loving husband of Mary for 49 years. Christian father of Wendy Oickle (Wayne), Sandra McDougall (Luc), Audrey Barclay (Todd) and Kevin (Donna). Proud grandfather of Chantal, Brandon, Ian, Bruce, Sarah, Matthew and Dylan. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his four brothers and two sisters. Andrew will be most remembered for his commitment to music, the church, his friends and family. Andrew is at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chapel of the **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME**, 415 Regent Street where his family will receive friends on Thursday, May 17 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Prayer vigil will be held at the funeral home at 3 o'clock. Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Vincent de Paul Church on Friday morning, May 18th at 10 o'clock. Interment with Rite of Committal at Pleasantview Memorial Gardens. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Chateau Gardens. Memorials, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morganfuneral.com

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Deaths



MAZZA, Frederick John - Died peacefully, just shy of his 90th birthday, surrounded by family at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital on May 6, 2012. Fred was born in Toronto and served in the Canadian Army in the Second World War with the Governor General's Horse Guards in England, Italy, and Holland. After the war he returned to Canada with his English war bride, Jean, joined the Toronto Fire Department, and raised twin sons, Ronald and Robert. In the house he built on Toronto Island. Retiring from the Fire Department in 1970, he moved to a new home he built in Canimington, ON, and in 1980 relocated to Niagara-on-the-Lake, where he has resided for the last thirty years. An accomplished athlete, Fred was a renowned football pitcher in semi-professional leagues in Toronto in the late '40s and '50s, sailed from the Queen City Yacht Club in the 60's in his 6 metre Keltia, was a member of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, where he was Club Captain in the mid '80s, and excelled at darts and billiards with the Royal Canadian Legion. A man of many interests, Fred was a member of the Pipe and Drum band on Toronto Island, an active member and past branch President in the Royal Canadian Legion, enjoyed making and restoring furniture, was a talented stain glass artisan, and could recite poetry by heart. Fred is predeceased by his parents Lawrence and Sarah, his brother Albert, his grandson Stuart, and is survived by his wife Jean at Upper Canada Lodge long term care facility, his sisters Millie and Betty, his son Ron (Pam), and grandchildren Graham, Susan and Catherine, and son Rob (Za), and grandchildren Stephen (Joanne), and many nephews and nieces. Cremation will take place, with arrangements having been entrusted to **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME**. A Celebration of Fred's Life will take place at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club on Tuesday, May 22nd at 2 p.m. A heartfelt thank you to all those who cared for Fred at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital, and to the nurses of the CCAC palliative care unit. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the NOTL Community Palliative Care Services, or to the Volunteer Auxiliary of the NOTL Hospital. Guests are invited to share memories and condolences, and find links to donations at www.morganfuneral.com

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Junior B Thunderhawks win two weekend games

Lacrosse team defeats Welland 14-6 and Wallaceburg 17-8.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Junior B Thunderhawks Lacrosse Club won two of three games this past weekend, making their record 4-3.

The Thunderhawks defeated the Welland Warriors 14-6.

Brad Thomas and Anthony

Patterson led all scorers, with three goals each.

Steven Murphy and Bryson Filippetti chipped in two each with singles going to Kervin Jonathan, Ryan Wagner, Corey Becker and Blaine Garlow.

Max Antone, Joe Ditto, and Filippetti each earned three assists.

The Thunderhawks travelled to Wallaceburg and defeated the Red Devils 17-8.

Garlow had a hot hand, collecting four goals, followed by Becker who collect-

ed three, and Antone and Edmund Williams each collecting two goals.

The team moved the ball around well with all but two players getting at least a point.

The tandem of Julian and Wyatt Fautz was strong in the nets.

In other action the Thunderhawks lost 12-11 to the Spartans.

The team came back from five down in the third period to tie the game late.

The Spartans scored the eventual winner with one minute and ten seconds left in the game.

The Thunderhawks' next two home games are May 16 versus Six Nations and May 24 against the Spartans.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the Meridian Credit Union Arena in Virgil.

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